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September 15, 2005

Hon. James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: UL-5 Zone, Reservoir D, Pointe-a-la-Hache  
Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Yuma Exploration & Production Company, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the UL-5 Zone, Reservoir D, in Pointe-a-la-Hache Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the UL-5 Zone, Reservoir D, Pointe-a-la-Hache Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the UL-5 Zone, Reservoir D, designated as the UL-5 RD SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the UL-5 Zone, Reservoir D.

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The UL-5 Zone, Reservoir D, Pointe-a-la-Hache Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 10,540 feet and 10,948 feet (measured depth) in the Bass - SL 16339 No. 1 Well located in Section 23, Township 16 South, Range 14 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled on September 13, 2005. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. The conference was opened by the undersigned and turned over to David Comeaux, consulting geologist for the applicant, who discussed the bases of the applicant's proposal and answered questions concerning same. No counterplans were presented. On behalf of Houston Energy, Bob Duplantis reserved all rights. After further questions and answers, the conference was adjourned. At this time, no opposition is expected at the hearing on this matter.

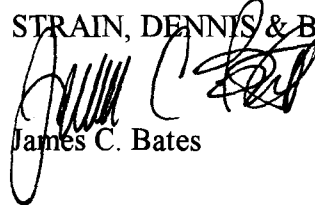
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Pointe-a-la-Hache Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Pointe-a-la-Hache Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70505-3922, (337) 233-9839.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat outlining the proposed unit in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, said list is being sent to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY**. However, a copy of the list will be provided to any party upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.

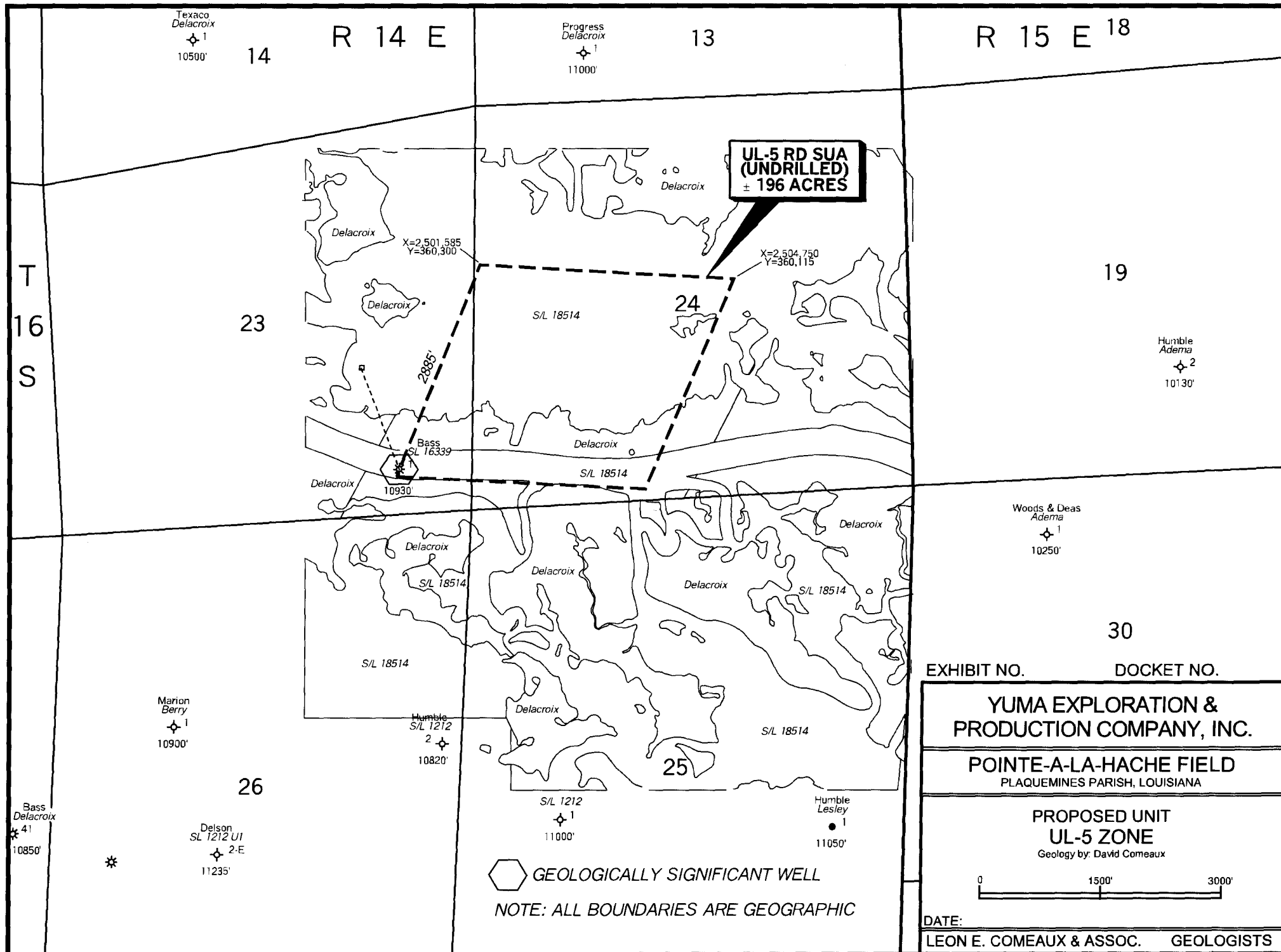


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enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties



UL-5 RD SUA  
(UNDRILLED)  
± 196 ACRES

X=2,501,585  
Y=360,300

X=2,504,750  
Y=360,115

Bass  
SL 16339

Humble  
S/L 1212

Delson  
SL 1212 UI

Humble  
Lesley

GEOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT WELL

NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

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| EXHIBIT NO.  | DOCKET NO. |
| YUMA EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC.              |            |
| POINTE-A-LA-HACHE FIELD<br>PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA |            |
| PROPOSED UNIT<br>UL-5 ZONE<br>Geology by: David Comeaux  |            |
| DATE:  |            |
| LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOC. GEOLOGISTS                      |            |